

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHRISTOPHER CHOW,
Plaintiff,

v.

**RIVERSOURCE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
ET AL.,**
Defendants.

Case No. 16-cv-00563-YGR

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE AT INITIAL
CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Re: Dkt. No. 23

Defendants Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. and RiverSource Life Insurance Company have filed a request to appear telephonically at the first case management conference scheduled in this case, set for May 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. (Dkt. No. 23.) Counsel bases the request on the inconvenience of traveling to the Oakland courthouse.

The request to appear by telephone is **DENIED**. Pursuant to the Court's Standing Order in Civil Cases, telephonic appearances are allowed at initial case management conferences only upon a compelling showing of good cause. The routine inconveniences of travel do not constitute good cause. The request to allow non-lead counsel to appear in lieu of lead counsel is also **DENIED**.


In fact, lead counsel shall be prepared to discuss the application of *Pimentel v. Conselho Supremo De Uniao Portuguesa Do Estado Da California*, 6 Cal. 2d 182 (1936) and its progeny at the case management conference.

If necessary, the Court will entertain a request for a short continuance.

This Order terminates Docket No. 23.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 21, 2016


YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE